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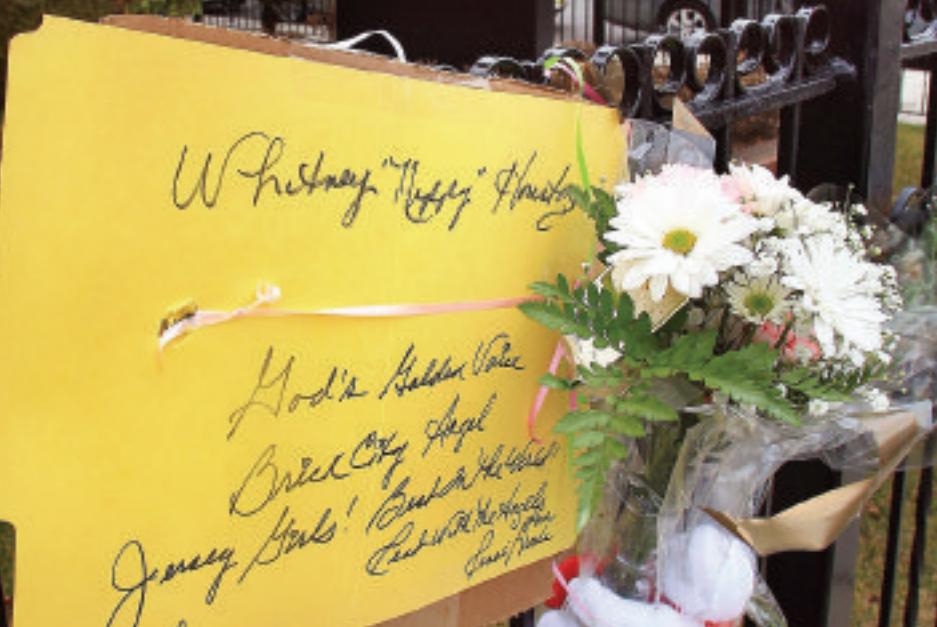
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Whitney Houston comes home

► Body flown back to Newark, where star got her start singing in church
 ► Large crowd expected Friday for public service at Prudential Center

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► Memorials have been placed outside the Newark church where Whitney Houston attended and sang as a child.



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This V-Day, learn how to get divorced

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In the news

Student killed in hit-and-run

A Wagner College nursing student was killed in a hit-and-run while riding his bike back home from school Sunday night in Staten Island. Ronald Tillman, 29, who went by RJ, was reportedly on his way back to his apartment after studying for a test when an SUV hit him. He was riding on Howard Avenue after leaving the college campus. The driver of the SUV fled the scene, according to the NYPD. **● METRO/AB**

In the news



Cops criticized
The death of a teenager in the Bronx, who was killed by a police officer, needs to be investigated, Rev. Al Sharpton said yesterday, as he led a rally outside the Bronx district attorney's office. Ramarley Graham, 18, was killed Feb. 2 in his bathroom by a narcotics officer who reportedly thought the teenager had a gun. No firearm was found. **● METRO/AB**



► New Hope Baptist Church

Public service for legendary Whitney Houston planned at Prudential Center

Whitney Houston will reportedly be buried in her native New Jersey, after her body was expected to be flown back from Los Angeles last night.

The 48-year-old singer was found dead in her hotel room

at the Beverly Hills Hilton on Saturday. Houston readily admitted her struggles with substance abuse, but the cause of death has not yet been determined.

According to reports, a pri-

vate wake for Houston will be held Thursday, followed by a public ceremony at Newark's Prudential Center on Friday. The Prudential Center can seat more than 18,000 people.

Houston, who was born

and raised in Newark, rose to fame after honing her talent as a gospel singer at the New Hope Baptist Church. The Whigham Funeral Home will most likely be handling the singer's services. **● METRO/EAE**

**Council pushes marijuana bill forward**

NEW YORK. A bill supporting legalizing medical marijuana passed out of a City Council committee yesterday. The resolution supports New York as the next state to legalize medical marijuana. A proposed state bill would legalize medical marijuana, with a doctor's recommendation and certification that a person suffers a debilitating or life-threatening condition. New Jersey already enacted a similar law. According to the Council, 12 percent of the city's population uses marijuana. **● METRO/AB**

Ex-managers at Bear settle

NEW YORK. Two former Bear Stearns fund managers agreed yesterday to pay more than \$1 million to resolve a civil lawsuit brought by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Ralph Cioffi and Matthew Tannin were found not guilty of all charges in 2009 in a parallel criminal case brought by the U.S. Department of Justice. It was the first high-profile criminal prosecution of Wall Street executives stemming from the 2008 financial crisis. **REUTERS**

Responders demand 9/11-related cancer data

► Once tested, uniform of NYPD officer who responded to 9/11 revealed damaging toxins ► Hearings this week to debate whether falling towers caused cancer ► 65 NYPD officers who responded that day died of cancer

The last thing NYPD officer Alonzo Harris did the night of 9/11 was put his uniform in double plastic bags and bury it in his closet.

Eleven years later, after finding nodules on his lungs, he sent the uniform for testing to see what toxins might be inside.

The uniform showed a disturbing level of cancer-causing chemicals, including asbestos, a doctor said Sunday.

According to the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, 65 officers have died from 9/11-related cancers.

Nearly 300 have been diagnosed, at an average age of 44, said PBA president Patrick Lynch, adding, "Sadly, there will be many more to come."

"The formula is clear and simple," he said. "A vast array of carcinogens plus extended exposure equals dead and dying police officers."

The PBA is one of several responders' groups pushing



► Tests on the uniform of Officer Alonzo Harris revealed asbestos and other toxins.

for cancer data to be released.

In September, an FDNY study revealed that firefighters who worked at Ground Zero were more likely to develop cancer.

The city is conducting its own study, which Health Department officials said they will submit to a journal by

March.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg told reporters last week that the city will release the data, but they are balancing privacy issues involved.

Tomorrow, responders will appear at a World Trade Center Health Program commit-

tee hearing to discuss health problems, including cancer. Federal officials will decide in March whether to include cancer in its coverage provided by the Zadroga Act.

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Call to reveal findings

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio called on Mayor Michael Bloomberg to "loosen the city's grip" on its 9/11 cancer findings. Assemblyman Micah Kellner wrote a bill that requires the NYPD to give the names of anyone who worked at Ground Zero to medical institutions studying cancer. **● METRO/AB**

What's in that dust?

Dr. Richard Lee, who tested Police Officer Alonzo Harris' uniform, said the contaminants found in the World Trade Center dust were "created by the extreme forces acting on building materials, such as insulation during the collapse of the buildings, and by the ensuing fires that consumed the spilled fuels, building contents and

construction materials."

He said the dust includes heavy metals, asbestos, concrete particles and chemicals produced by burning.

Each of these, he said, can "cause various harmful effects on the body."

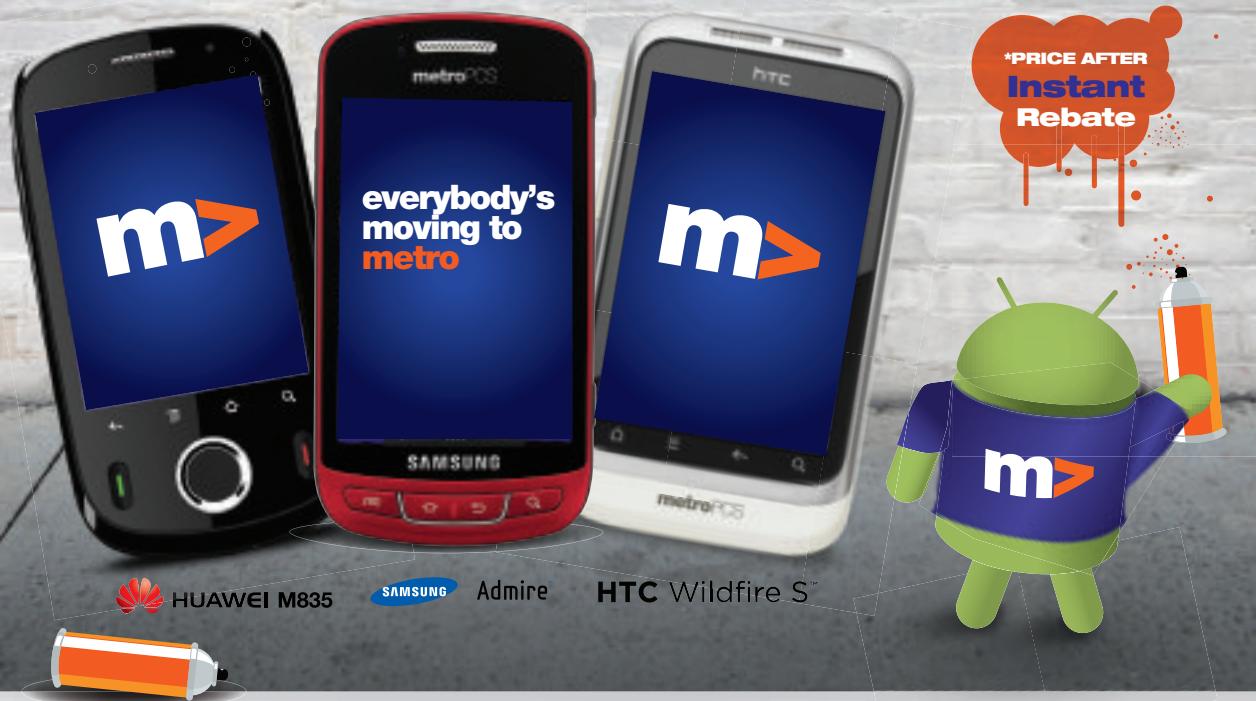
In addition, he said, asbestos fibers found in the dust around the World Trade Center — and in Harris' uniform — were three to 50 times more toxic than fibers found in other asbestos-containing buildings. **● METRO/AB**

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Father who lost daughters in fire considers lawsuit

► Files papers that could be first step ► Will not sue wife, Madonna Badger, from whom he is separated ► Investigating what happened that night

The father who lost his three daughters in a Christmas Day fire is mulling a lawsuit, according to his lawyer.

Matthew Badger, whose daughters were killed in a Connecticut house fire, filed papers late last week that could be the first step toward a wrongful-death claim, his lawyer Richard Emery confirmed to Metro yesterday.

The mother of the girls, Madonna Badger, will not be named in any lawsuit, Emery said. Matthew and Madonna are separated, and Madonna was in the home at the time of the fire, which also killed her parents.

"He does not intend to file a suit against his wife," Emery said.



► Matthew Badger

basis for or desire to pursue a lawsuit."

Madonna's boyfriend, Michael Bocina, was also in the house during the fire, and survived. Bocina was reportedly overseeing renovations on the house, which investigators said did not have working smoke detectors.

"He was a general contractor in a situation that ended up being a fire trap," Emery said of Bocina. "The questions are why that happened and why he allowed the kids to live there."

The money would go to a foundation Badger is starting in memory of his daughters, Emery said. Both Bocina's lawyer and Madonna's lawyer declined to comment.



"All he can think about is his daughters, and how they must have suffered terribly, and it drives him crazy."

RICHARD EMERY SAID OF HIS CLIENT, MATTHEW BADGER



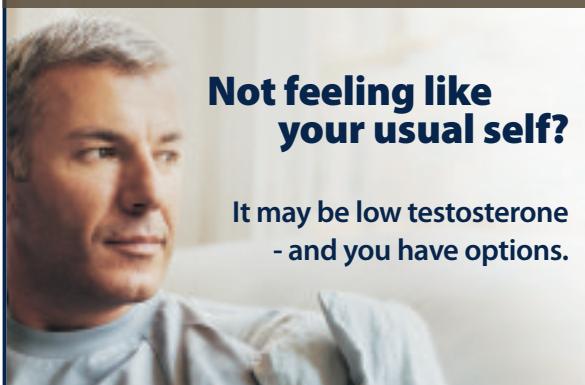
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Service on the entire 3-train line will be completely suspended, but free shuttle buses will operate to and from three stations at 148th, 145th and 135th streets. To help riders get around, the MTA will also be running the 42nd Street S shuttle through the night this week.

The MTA first shut down the 4,5,6 for four weeknights last month as part of FASTRACK, where large swaths of a subway line are shuttered. The MTA said the program saved them \$600,000 in maintenance costs. ● METRO/EAE

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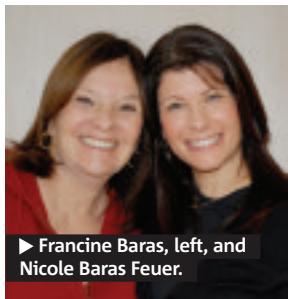
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READ A BLOG FROM A 34-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IN BROOKLYN WHO IS CONSIDERING DIVORCE: WWW.METRO.US

As millions of people get ready for a romantic evening tonight, two Manhattan women are instead preparing for the worst.

Mother-daughter duo Francine Baras and Nicole Baras Feuer are hard at work, planning New York City's very first divorce expo, slated for a March 31 debut at the Metropolitan Pavilion.

"There are bridal shows and things to help a bride get married, but then there's nothing for when she gets divorced," said Feuer. "There are a lot of people who are lost and confused."



► Francine Baras, left, and Nicole Baras Feuer.

Feuer, 42, who is herself divorced, and works as a divorce and family mediator, and Baras, 70, a therapist, have pooled their combined expertise to curate "Start Over Smart," an expo designed to help divorcees transition from spouses to singles.

Plastic surgeons, attorneys, therapists, and even wardrobe consultants from Macy's will be on hand to help the thousands of attendees navigate the foreign future of singleness. There will also be divorce courses, including lessons in personal finance and life coach lessons from Cheryl Richardson, said Feuer.

"I basically created a wish-list of everything that I needed and I'm going to help others find it," Feuer said. "Divorce can be horrible, but we're going to give people all the tools they need." Tickets to the expo cost between \$125 and \$200. And no, there won't be a couple's discount.

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Manhattan leads the way in divorces

According to the state health department, more divorces occur in Manhattan than any other borough.

Of New York City's 23,698 divorces in 2009, 10,375 were on the island. Brooklyn had the second

most divorces with 4,683 and Queens had the third most with 4,683. Just 831 couples got divorced in Staten Island and only 2,415 couples split in the Bronx.

Still, the overall divorce rate in New York state in 2010, 2.8 per 1,000 people, is significantly lower than the national average, 3.6 per 1,000 people, according to the Centers for Disease Control. ● METRO/EAE

Valentine's Day nuptials

Because you first have to get married in order to get divorced, Metro asked New York City Clerk Michael McSweeney for his guess on the number of couples that will tie the knot today at City Hall.

McSweeney said his

office was aflutter yesterday with people calling to apply for marriage licenses, excited to wed on what is billed as the most romantic day of the year. "Last year, we had close to 170 ceremonies," McSweeney said, who said that number is much higher than a regular day. "Because it's a Tuesday, it will probably be the same or maybe higher." ● METRO/EAE

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NJ Senate approves gay marriage, but Gov. veto looms

► Gay marriage measure passes NJ Senate for first time ever ► Same-sex marriage a top priority for NJ Democrats, but Gov. Chris Christie vows to veto bill

New Jersey's Democratic-controlled state Senate approved a same-sex marriage bill yesterday, but New York's neighbor is unlikely to become the eighth state in the country to approve gay marriage as Republican Gov. Chris Christie has promised to veto it.

The Senate passed the measure with a 24-to-16 vote.

The state Assembly is expected to approve the measure on Thursday and send it to Christie, one of the country's leading Republicans and a possible vice-presidential

candidate.

New Jersey's Democratic leadership, which controls both houses of the legislature, has made gay marriage a top priority this session, saying the state's civil union law does not

"Civil unions are a failed experiment. They don't promote equality. They only prolong stigma."

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adequately protect same-sex couples.

Though the bill had majority support in the legislature, it was unlikely to have the two-thirds majority needed to override Christie's promised veto.

"The word marriage is society's universal civil and legal acknowledgment of a loving relationship," Sen. Loretta Weinberg, the bill's sponsor, said during the debate. "It's time for New Jersey to get on the right side of history and enact true marriage equality for every one of our residents."

Legal in seven states

- The New Jersey vote yesterday came on the same day Washington state Gov. Christine Gregoire signed a bill making Washington the seventh state to legalize same-sex marriage.
- Gay marriage is already allowed in New York, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont plus the District of Columbia.
- A Gallup poll last year found for the first time a majority of Americans believe gay marriage should be legalized, with 53 percent in favor.

In a tacit acknowledgment of how long the fight might continue, she added, "With enough votes, in the future, we can override the governor's veto."

Passing the measure would put increased political scrutiny on Christie, but opposition to same-sex marriage remains a staple of the more conservative wing of the Republican

Party. In moderate New Jersey, one senator spoke out against the bill during the debate, Sen. Gerald Cardinale.

"This bill seeks to change thousands of years of human history by redefining, reordering our thinking," Cardinale said.

New Jersey's high court ruled in 2006 same-sex couples must be guaranteed the same

rights as heterosexual married couples but left it up to the legislature to write the law. The legislature approved a civil unions law for same-sex couples later that year.

Gay couples argued the state had created a two-tier system that was inherently unequal. A new lawsuit, which challenges New Jersey's civil union law, is pending. **REUTERS**



► New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has said he does not believe in gay marriage, but is open to the idea of asking New Jersey residents their opinion in a public vote.

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White House sticking to its contraceptive plan

President Barack Obama will not make any more changes to the rule announced last week requiring health insurance plans to provide women with coverage for contraception, although U.S. Catholic bishops have said it violates the church's religious principles.

"We put out the plan that reflects where the president intended to go. This is our plan," White House chief of staff Jacob Lew said on CNN's "State of the Union".

Lew said no religious organization will be required to pay for or facilitate the coverage that it disagrees with since the insurance companies are the ones who will pay.

Asked what incentive insurance companies would have to provide contraception, Lew — Obama's budget director until a few weeks ago — said it would be cost effective

"We didn't expect to get the support of the bishops or all Catholics."

JACOB LEW, ON "FOX NEWS SUNDAY"

just like other preventive health care coverage.

"As somebody who's done budgets for a lot of years, when people tell me things don't cost money, I ask a lot of questions," Lew said on ABC News's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos."

"This is actually one of those exceptions to the rule. If you look at the overall cost of providing health care to a woman, the cost goes up, not down, if you take contraceptives out."

Lew said the White House had not expected universal support for contraceptive cov-



► Jacob Lew, left, said the White House had not expected universal support for contraceptive coverage.

erage, but did find backing from several affected groups, including Catholic hospitals and charities.

"We didn't expect to get the support of the bishops or all Catholics," Lew said on

"Fox News Sunday." He added on CBS's "Face the Nation" that the White House has "broad consensus, not universal consensus. This is an approach that's right."

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Grandkids allowed to visit Sandusky

 Centre County Court in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, also denied a prosecution effort to keep Sandusky inside his State College home after a teacher at a neighboring elementary school complained he was standing on his deck, watching students on the playground. REUTERS

Underwear bomber seeks less than life

A lawyer for the Nigerian man who pleaded guilty to trying to blow up a U.S. jumbo passenger jet on Christmas Day in 2009 urged a federal judge yesterday not to sentence him to spend the rest of his life in prison because it was cruel and unusual punishment.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 25, pleaded guilty in

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A day after the Greek government passed austerity measures (a package of pay and pension cuts that saves banks economic pain while punishing average workers), and in which the Greek people took to the streets to violently protest such measures, President Obama's 2013 budget proposal drew renewed attention to

the bitter divide among U.S. Democrats and Republicans.

The president's proposal is a combination of spending cuts, tax hikes on the wealthiest earners and stimulus measures. "There is pretty broad agreement that the time for austerity is not today," new White House Budget Director Jack Lew said. "We can't cut our way into growth," Obama reiterated yesterday.

The GOP, however, holding firm on its no-tolerance policy toward new taxes (meaning budget revenues must come exclusively from cuts to popular government programs like Social Security and Medicare) must not have gotten the memo. Republican Rep. Paul Ryan said Obama's plan would result in "America drowning in debt" and "slower economic growth." House Speaker John Boehner called it "a gloomy reflection of his failed policies of the past, not a bold plan for America's future."



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(Obama's being the larger)

Of course, everyone in Washington knows the Obama budget proposal has zero chance of actually getting passed as-is by the Republican-led Legislature. With most GOP politicians tied into the Grover Norquist no-tax pledge, assent on the budget issue would equate to professional suicide.

The Obama proposal can therefore be seen as a political tool, another weapon in the president's arsenal as he takes his case to the American people for a second term. And the president needs all the arms he can muster: With experts predicting a nasty general election fight in which Wall Street dollars overwhelmingly favor whoever ends up oppos-

ing Obama, Big Money is set to play an outsized role in the November elections.

"We can't have Washington stand in the way of America's comeback," Obama said yesterday. Perhaps it would've served the president to also mention the competing visions of Wall Street and Athens.

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More on Houston's death

Details continue to come out about the cause of **Whitney Houston**'s untimely death at the age of 48 on Saturday.

► Though authorities are not confirming anything other than she was found in the bathtub, TMZ.com now reports the cause of death was from an overdose of Xanax and liquor, which may have led to a deadly heart attack. According to the site, coroner officials informed the family that there was not enough water in Whitney's lungs for a drowning as was initially assumed. Officials believe she passed away before her head became submerged in water, though the official toxicology report won't be complete for four to six weeks.

► Although earlier reports say that her stylist, hairdresser and two bodyguards were among those who found Houston un-

derwater, reports now say it was her aunt **Mary Jones** who discovered Houston's body. TMZ.com says Houston had apparently been in the bathroom for more than an hour when Jones went in to check on her. Upon seeing Houston, Jones pulled the singer out of the tub and started CPR. RadarOnline.com reports that her body was probably under water for 30 minutes and the autopsy shows that her body had no "obvious signs of trauma, but her throat appeared to be inflamed upon examination."

► Houston's body was scheduled to be flown to Newark, N.J., last night on the private plane of **Tyler Perry**. There, Whigham Funeral Home — which handled the funeral for Houston's father and for **Anne Drinkard Moss**, the sister of Houston's mother **Cissy Houston** — will reportedly be handling the arrangements.



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Brown and Houston are seen in the Bahamas in 2000.

Bobby Brown flies to be with Bobbi Kristina

It's about time: Houston's ex-husband, **Bobby Brown**, has finally flown to Los Angeles to be with his 18-year-old daughter **Bobbi Kristina**, who's been hospitalized twice in the wake of her mother's death. Although there is no concrete information for why, RadarOnline reports that it might be the same culprit that killed her mother. "She tried to ease the pain of losing her mother by having a few alcoholic drinks. She was distraught, on the verge of a complete breakdown. Not knowing what to do, members of her mother's entourage tried to calm her down with a sedative," a source says. The mixture of alcohol and drugs caused Brown to then collapse.



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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Kanye West is inquisitive, Russell Brand is worried about what's become of society, Marlee Matlin is wishing you a lovely day and Sarah Silverman is getting to know the Bible.

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@MarleeMatlin
The intuitive mind is a gift and the rational mind a servant. We have created a society that honors the servant and has forgotten the gift.

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Before I forget, Happy Valentine's Day. I'll be half a world away but thinking about you. Support the freedom to love and live peacefully.

@sarahksilverman
I just read John: 3:16. It's dumb!



Talking points

Perry's new breakup song

Katy Perry debuted a new, venom-filled breakup song, "Part of Me," at the Grammys this weekend, and viewers couldn't help assuming the song's biting lyrics were directed at soon-to-be ex-husband **Russell Brand**. "You chewed me up and spit me out, like I was poison in your mouth. You took my light, you drained me down, you ripped me off, your love was cheap," Perry sang.



Perry even altered some of the song's original lyrics to fit her current situation, changing, "You can keep the dog from me, I never liked him anyway" to, "Keep your diamond ring. In fact, you can keep everything except for me."

Meet Adele's new beau!

Not only were the Grammy Awards a big night trophy-wise for **Adele**, but it was also a chance for the British singer to make her first official appearance with boyfriend **Simon Konecki**, according to Us Weekly. Konecki was by Adele's side in the front

row of the Staples Center as she won in all six categories in which she was nominated. The pair had previously been spotted last month on a romantic trip to the Florida Everglades.

Jackson takes it to Obama

Samuel L. Jackson's decision to support **Barack Obama** in 2008 was due to the president's race, the actor tells Ebony magazine. "I voted for Barack because he was black. Because that's why other folks vote for other people — because they look like them," Jackson says. "That's American politics, pure and simple. In the end,

he's a politician."

Not selling photos of Blue Ivy

While most celebrities with babies work out a deal with a magazine for the first official images of their newborns, **Beyoncé** and **Jay-Z** went another route, posting shots of **Blue Ivy Carter** on a Tumblr site. And stylist June Ambrose, who worked on the photo shoot, says the new mom wouldn't have it any other way. "B really, really thought about this," Ambrose tells Us Weekly. "She really wanted to do it this way. She just couldn't imagine selling pictures of her baby."



Behind the scenes at the 2012 Grammys

1. Best photo of the night: **Lady Gaga** and **Paul McCartney** get friendly.

2. Taylor Swift showed off her country side with her new single, "Mean."

3. JLo who? **Marc Anthony** showed off his new girlfriend **Shannon de Lima**.

4. Hate him or hate him, **Chris Brown** posed with his award for Best R&B Album backstage.

5. You know who these happy guys are? They're Super Bowl winners **Victor Cruz** and **Mario Manningham** of the New York Giants, posing in the press room.

6. Besties **Rihanna** and **Katy Perry** kept each other company during the awards show.

7. **Bruce Springsteen** opened up the show with the E Street Band performing his new single, the patriotic anthem "We Take Care of Our Own."



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Interview with the vampire (writer)

► Anne Rice built a career writing about the bloodthirsty creatures before you'd even heard of Edward and Bella ► Now, it's all about the werewolf

"The Wolf Gift," the newest novel from Anne Rice, queen of supernatural stories, hits shelves today. We spoke with the author about her influences, thought process and the TV hunk who inspired her newest hero.

Do you think werewolves are the new "it" monster?

I don't know, I was actually told before I wrote this that they were done. They said that there were so many werewolves running around in "True Blood" and "Twilight" that it was old hat now. Of course, that didn't stop me. I thought, "I'm going to do it my way."

That seems to have worked for

you over your career.

I think that the best thing that anybody can do is write the books you want to read. Write the person you're obsessed with and write the hero you want to be and go to bed with. With me right now, I thought, "What about the werewolf? What if he was conscious during the transformation and he became a heroic being?" I wanted to investigate him my way. **I heard you got the idea for this book from the producer of the TV show "White Collar."**

That is true. I e-mailed Jeff Eastin because I'm a big fan of the show. We have an e-mail friendship going. And he said that he'd watched a documentary

on werewolves and if I ever wanted to do a werewolf novel, he would buy buckets of it. Most of the time when people mention werewolves, I would say, "No, my sister's done that and I don't want to crowd her." Then I got to thinking, "Well, Alice has been gone since 2007. I miss her terribly, but maybe it's OK now, five years later, to write about werewolves." **And I read that you based the main character of this book on the star of "White Collar," Matt Bomer. Have you ever met him?** Nope.

Does he know he's inspired a character in your book?

I don't know. I should send him a copy! Jeff knows. I just ac-



► Anne Rice's latest follows a young journalist living in San Francisco who gets bitten by the mystical furry beast.

MATTHIAS SCHEER

Q&A

Out of all the TV shows with supernatural creatures, what's your favorite?

The show that I really like is "Once Upon A Time." I think that show uses imagination and the fairy tale motif in the best way possible.

ANNE RICE

THE WOLF GIFT

The reason I love it is really rooted in character. I'm not really interested in the typical formula of "Let's hunt the supernatural monster," or "We're the only ones who know the world is invested with supernatural monsters, so let's kill them." That, to me, is just cop show stuff. I don't care about that. I want to know about the heart and soul of that monster.

knowledge Matt as the physical model: Matt's voice, Matt's eyes. I always do this with books — many times I have a model. When I wrote "The Witching Hour," the model was Tom Berenger. I mean, anything can inspire a character. With Matt, it was his beauty, his voice, his quiet manner, all of that from "White Collar."

You took some time away from the monster genre to write about your faith. Did being away from this topic change how you write about it now?

I felt it did. I felt that the challenges I faced in writing the two "Christ the Lord" novels taught me a lot about the craft of writing. In those novels, I

was really writing about Jesus as we know about him from the gospel, and I had never tried that before. I hadn't tried to make a character fit with any history. I learned a lot. I think it strengthened me as a writer.

Will this be the first of many wolf books from you?

I'm sure it will be, but I'm writing another supernatural novel right now. I'm back to supernatural fiction, and I feel that I'm back to talking about good and evil and questions of meaning and belief. I'm happy to be back.

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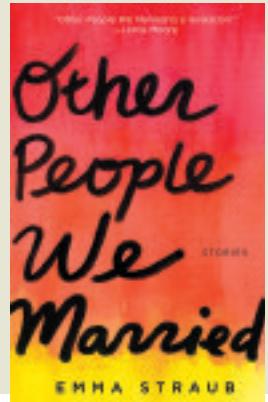
Your Valentine's Day reading list

- Who needs a valentine when you can commit to a good book?
- We asked some of our favorite authors to share their picks for their top romantic reads

Emma Straub

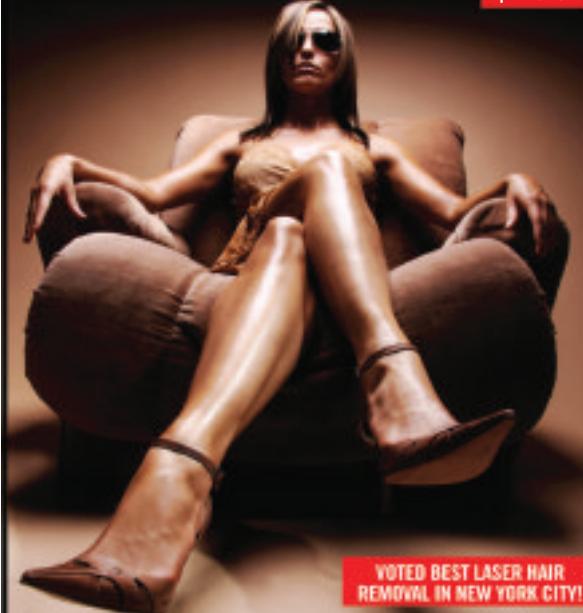
Author of "Other People We Married"

Her pick: "You cannot beat Jane Austen for Valentine's Day. 'Emma' and 'Pride and Prejudice' are my favorites, both funny and sharp and yes, swoon-worthy. Is it so wrong that I'm a sucker for a happy ending?"



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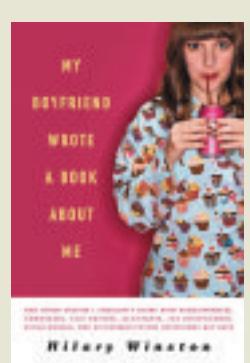
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Rachel Hore

Author of "A Place of Secrets"

Her pick: "My current favorite romantic read about love and relationships is 'The Very Picture of You' by Isabel Wolff Bantam. It's the moving story of Ella Graham, a portrait painter, who falls in love with someone she's not supposed to, and eventually finds happiness in an unexpected way."

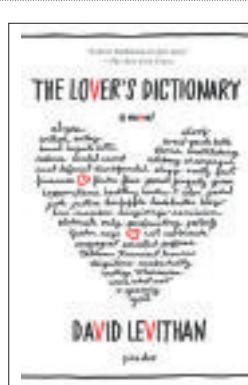


Hilary Winston

Author of "My Boyfriend Wrote a Book About Me"

Her pick: "My pick for most romantic book is Graham Greene's 'The End of the Affair.' Set during World War II, this book brings all the best romantic novel elements together: Unrequited love, undying love, a love triangle, betrayal, jealousy, misunderstandings, bomb explosions and death. Well, maybe bomb explosions aren't one of the best romantic novel elements, but you get the point. Read it and weep."

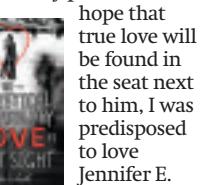
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David Levithan

Author of "The Lover's Dictionary"

His pick: "As someone who boards every plane in the



hope that true love will be found in the seat next to him, I was predisposed to love Jennifer E. Smith's 'The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight.' Granted, her pair meet at the airport before the flight even begins — but what starts off as 'meet cute' becomes something much more serious and much more interesting, as all great romances should be."

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TV watch list

'Glee'

COMEDY. So Rachel finally makes the my two dads introductions to anxious gleeks everywhere: Get ready to meet Hiram and LeRoy, aka Jeff Goldblum and Brian Stokes Mitchell, tonight. 8 p.m., Fox

'Top Shot'

REALITY. Just, you know, in the spirit of Valentine's Day, we wonder where Cupid places among these expert marksmen. ("Not very high," grumbles our recently dumped cousin.) Season premiere, 10 p.m., History

'The River'

DRAMA. Gnarly spores blind the crew! That's what you get when you sign up for a paranormal search party down the Amazon. 9 p.m., ABC

'The Millionaire Matchmaker Valentine's Day WWHL Special'

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A DIY approach to television

► What happens when your network neglects to schedule your show? ► The cast and crew of 'Cougar Town' generated publicity by staging their own screenings ► The sitcom returns to ABC tonight

In January, "Cougar Town" creator Bill Lawrence wasn't sure when his ABC sitcom would make it back onto the network's lineup. "I'm not superpsyched about the predicament we're in," he said of being left off the midseason schedule, "and I don't feel bad for saying it." So Lawrence thought outside of the 8-to-11 p.m. timeslot, and over the next month brought his cult comedy directly to viewers at select screenings in bars around the country, where the show's cast and crew hung out

and drank with fans, Lawrence and co-creator Kevin Biegel footing the bill themselves.

Awareness comes from the outside, not within the networks anymore," Lawrence said of his promotion strategy when we caught up with him at a "Cougar Town" press event that he — you guessed it — funded from his own pocket. "I don't think they can launch their own stuff. They pick one show each year — one drama, one comedy — to put all their money behind and that's what the champion is. It either

works or it doesn't."

But the success story this winter has been the underdog: "Cougar Town" did finally get its winter premiere, with the third season kicking off tonight. It's an episode Lawrence knows will appeal to those fans he shared a big glass of wine with, and hopes will draw newcomers who have heard the DIY buzz as well.

"We made the first episode essentially like a third-year pilot, so that new people aren't excluded [from the storylines]," he explains. "It's a big



► After staging screenings for fans, the "Cougar Town" crew is back on ABC tonight at 8:30.

Tooting his Twitter horn

An avid Twitter user, Lawrence first drew attention to the show's "underground" screenings via the site. "Producers are

using Twitter because it is the open door to brand yourself," he says. "Right now, you watch a TV show, you go, 'Hey! It's Tom Selleck and his new TV show.' But every writer wants to be like, 'Hey! It's Bill Lawrence and his new TV show.'"

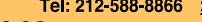
spoiler to tell you what happens in it, but it certainly eliminates all elements of any cougars. This will be the one show called 'Cougar Town' without any elements of cougars whatsoever."

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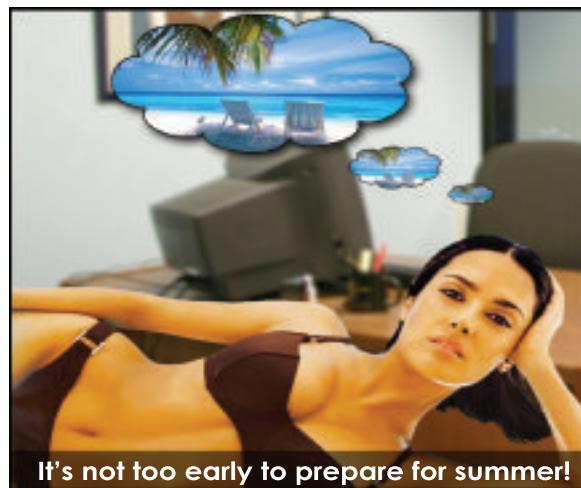
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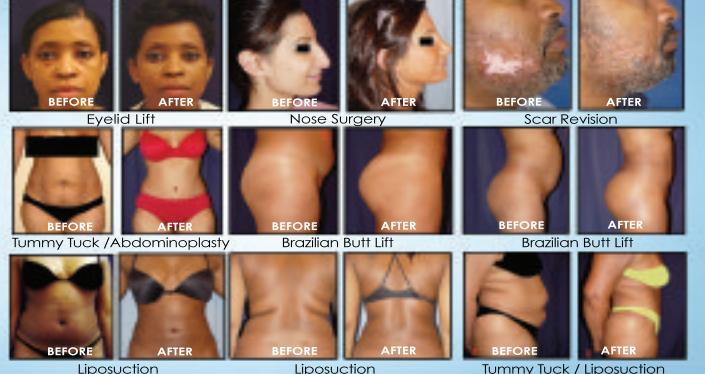
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Reviews

1 Diane von Furstenberg

The models walked out to Tina Turner's cover of Al Green's "Let's Stay Together" for the finale. Then Diane von Furstenberg and her creative partner, Gucci alumnus Yvan Mispelaere, took their bow. He kept his arm wrapped around her waist as they walked the runway, von Furstenberg stopping to hug and kiss well-wishers. Perhaps the song was meant to send a message. Mispelaere has only been in his current role for three seasons, but he's already made a noticeable mark,

evolving von Furstenberg's girl about town to a more grown-up place complete with slicked back buns; sophisticated, streamlined, body-skimming dresses; and elbow-length gloves. But was it too subdued for DVF die-hards? They may find themselves missing her trademark youthful prints when the collection hits stores.

• KENYA HUNT

2 Altuzarra

Ethnic prints, while great poolside, are rarely seen mixed in a cold weather wardrobe — that is until now. Joseph Altuzarra, the fashion darling who was championed by Carine Roitfeld early on in his career and won CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund award last year, headed to the Far East and Morocco for the first part of his strong fall collection. Traditional red Indian prints covered dresses, and jodhpurs were embellished with gypsy-esque gold coins. Long knit sweaters with wispy fringe trimmings and neon pink pom-poms added to the bohemian undercurrent. Sound a little too hippie for your taste? Altuzarra grounded the looks with sleek tailoring, tough skinny cargo pants, chic black structured dresses, and ridiculously cool outerwear (there were black shear-

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lings, fur-lined peacoats and luxe toggle options). Despite these different elements there was cohesiveness to the collection: maybe it's just that its cosmopolitan free spirit vibe is a seductive look for any girl. Sign us up for one of everything. • TINA CHADHA

3 DKNY

Donna Karan's team drew inspiration from the beat generation, but the reference wasn't literal in the Jack Kerouac at a coffee shop sense. Rather, it surfaced in the nearly all black and navy color palette; trim, tailored jackets and trousers; and flouncy miniskirts. The clothes had a certain youthful seriousness about it that will work well for twentysomethings shopping for their first real job. And trend watchers, take note: The waistline seems to be a big focal point for next fall. The DKNY collection pushed this idea forward with wide bandeau leather belts that cinched jackets, coats and dresses. • KHR

4 Thakoon

Set in the ornate grand ballroom of the Plaza Hotel, Thakoon Panichgul seemed to have created a collection for the ladies who lunch there. There was a polished sophistication to the clothes, best exemplified in the shift dresses and ruffled coats. But there were twists: a structured coatdress pinched at the waist seemed prim until the model turned the corner and sexy black leather cutouts in the back were revealed. Panichgul then kicked the feminine and playful factor into high gear with sweet peacock feather embroidery, bow details, and a palette of fuchsia and cranberry. A few pieces even featured a pattern of anatomical hearts and lips. If you're getting a toothache from just reading this, rest assured — the tailoring, beautiful construction and cheeky details saved the clothes from looking too girly or uptight. • TC

5 Tommy Hilfiger

Though the fall collection began with strong outerwear — handsome double-breasted coats,



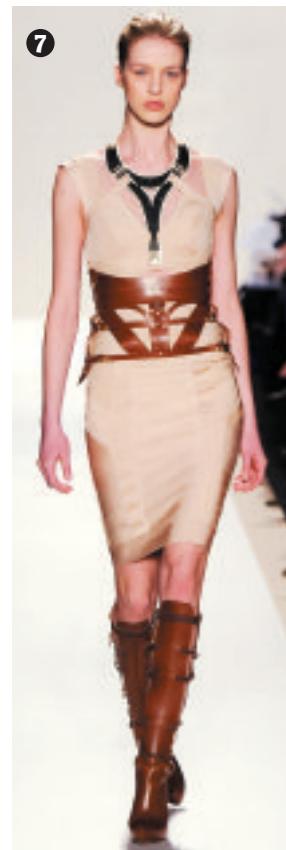
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a burgundy patent leather trench and dark yellow moto jacket — it's the second half of the show that wowed. Warning: If you don't have access to a stable, the equestrian wears, such as the cable-knit sweaters with suede patches, jewel tone silky dresses printed with graphic reins and tweed separates, will make you consider going for a ride — or at least dress that way. ☀ TC

6 Derek Lam

It can be tricky making sportswear basics read high fashion. They can't be too earnest or simple. They need some kind of subversion, a sort of sartorial wink to let the world know that the wearer knows exactly what kind of statement she's making. Lam did this in a way that fashion-obsessed career girls will love, ticking off all the boxes on both the list of office wardrobe needs and trends — a minimalist sweatshirt done in black leather; a stream-

lined dress covered in a black and white print that contrasted with its red graphic collar; or a skirt suit in florals with a bomber jacket instead of the requisite blazer. Like the large white frames that were arranged at contrasting angles on the runway, the clothes were clean and polished, with just the right amount of off-kilter. ☀ KH

7 Herve Leger by Max Azria

For fall, Azria made the classic bandage dress, which he reworks every season, a little less Kim Kardashian and more Naomi Campbell. In short, the bombshell factor was still there but slightly less overt. The clothes had a sense of restrained wildness and intrigue thanks to equestrian-like harnesses that came strapped

around the dresses, longer hemlines and a darker color palette. Granted, this was an extension of the gladiator warrior queen collection Azria did for spring. But those body-hugging metallic dresses were still Hollywood Lite at heart. This season's effort was more fully realized. ☀ KH

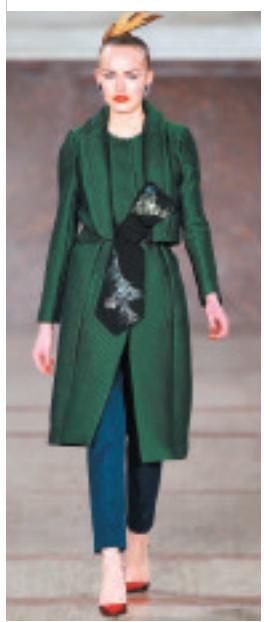
8 Tracy Reese

It would be nice to see Reese's nice girl go bad. Azealia Banks' raunchy "212" (the song is everywhere this week) played throughout the soundtrack, but the clothes were more sweet than hard. Reese turned out much to keep her loyal fan base happy: fun, upbeat separates in a variety of jewel tones, luxe coats, covetable shoes and a series of richly embroidered dresses. It was classic, feminine, pretty Reese that will most likely do well on the sales floor. But a little edge to contrast the sweet could do much to broaden Reese's audience even further. ☀ KH

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- 2. **Hybrid coats and jackets** (Jason Wu, Alexander Wang, Rebecca Taylor)
- 3. **Autumn prints** (Suno, Helmut Lang, Creatures of the Wind)
- 4. **Electric blue** (Prabal, Ruffian, Lacoste)



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Alexander
Wang

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Jason
Wu

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Suno



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Prabal

Zac Posen is known for his dramatic evening stunners, but his show-closing ball gowns took his flair for the theatrical a few feet too far. Simply put, the models looked as if they had raided their grandmother's closets and pulled out all the wrong things for the current moment. His massive, duchesse satin creations seemed out of step with the times.

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Antique Items	Up To	\$5,500
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*U.S. Nickels 1913 and Older	
*U.S. Three Cent Pieces 1869 and Older	
*U.S. Two Cents 1873 and Older	
*U.S. Indianhead 1 cent 1909 and Older	
*U.S. Large Cent 1857 and Older	
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SILVER DOLLARS

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United States	
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YOUR ITEM LIST



Take a few moments to check ✓ off the items you may have that we need!

JEWELRY:

- Gold Jewelry
- Silver Jewelry
- Diamond Jewelry
- Wristwatches
- Pocketwatches
- Antique Jewelry
- Cameos
- Platinum Jewelry

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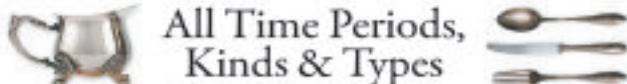
- Charm Bracelets
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- Dental Gold
- Silver Bars
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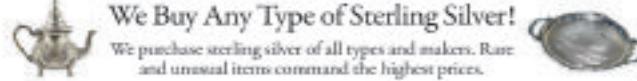
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GOLD COINS

We pay up to the following for rare gold:
United States



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\$2.50	1796 to 1834	\$25.00	1834 to 1838	\$10.00	1839 to 1932
\$2.50	1840 to 1829	\$5.00	1839 to 1958	\$20.00	1850 to 1932
\$3.00	1854 to 1889	\$5.00	1908 to 1929		

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Dudley	\$11,500	Longines	\$13,000		
E. Howard & Co.	\$12,000	Movado	\$2,000		
Elgin	\$750	Omega	\$2,500		
Frodsham	\$12,000	Rolex	\$16,000		

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— D. Sneed

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Take the scare out of the dentist's chair

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, a great time to remind your kids about the importance of good oral hygiene. Unfortunately, for many kids, the dentist's office can be a frightening place. Use these tips from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry to help calm your little one before his or her next appointment.

Start now. The AAPD recommends that every child visit a dentist by his or her first birthday and establish a regular office. The earlier the visit, the better the chances of prevent-

ing dental problems, which can source fear for visits to come. **Test the waters.** Parents with toddlers who have not yet seen a dentist should consider a "get acquainted" visit to introduce your child to the dental office before the first appointment.

Choose words wisely. Be careful about using scary words. Check-ups and 90 percent of first visits do not have anything to do with "hurt," so don't even use the word!

Time it out. Select an appointment time when your child is alert and rested.

Be confident. Children often

perceive a parent's anxiety. They also tolerate procedures best when their parents understand what to expect and prepare them for the experience. As parents become more confident, so will the child.

Make "pediatric" a priority. Pediatric dentists are the pediatricians of dentistry, with two to three years of specialized training in treating children beyond

dental school. Plus, because they see only children, their office environment is set up for children.

Manage expectations. Before the visit, explain that the dentist is a friend and will help your child keep his or her teeth healthy. Reinforce that the visit will be fun.

Share a story. Read your child a story about a character that had a good dental visit.

Offer control. Give your child some control over the dental visit. Such choices as "Will you hold your bear or should I?" or "Which color toothbrush do you like?" will make the visit more enjoyable.  METRO



► A trip to the dentist's office doesn't have to be terrifying.

Tips

► Keep your kids moving indoors when the weather's too cold.



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Cabin fever cures

If the cold weather is keeping your child housebound, help her blow off some steam with these fun get-moving ideas from Steve Ettinger, certified fitness expert and author of the children's book "Wallie Exercises."

Pillow hop: Place pillows all over the floor and challenge your kid to jump around without touching them.

Wacky weights: Fill a zip-top bag with dry beans and stuff it

into an empty paper-towel roll, then glue a cardboard circle to each end of the roll to make a dumbbell. Show your kid how to perform simple moves like overhead presses and biceps curls.

Commercial break: Get in mini workouts while watching TV. During ads, dance or do jumping jacks until the show returns.

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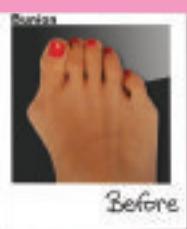
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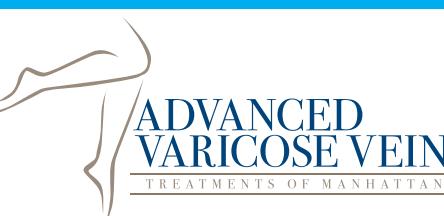
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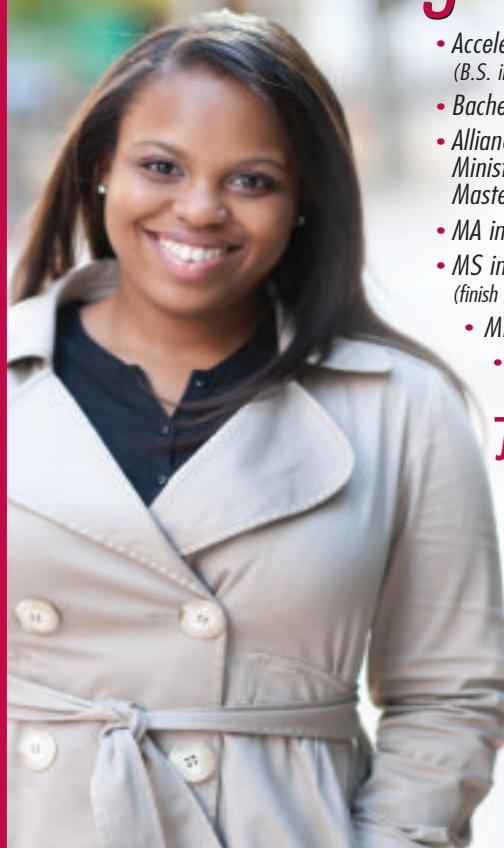
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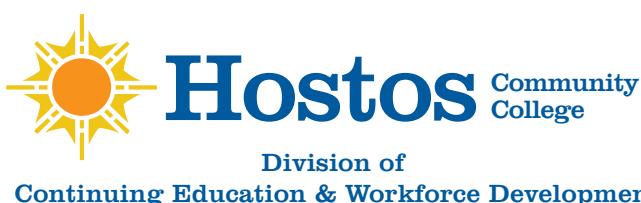
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Taking debate back into 21st century

RE: "READERS PASSIONATE ABOUT CONTRACEPTION": I was raised Roman-Catholic, so I take responsibility for my church's insane 1950s mentality by publicly denouncing its recent actions. The Catholic Church ranks dead last in moral authority as it has spent the last 20-30 years passing around pedophilic priests to hide them from law enforcement. Perhaps if priests actually had sex — if they had wives and kids to support — they might educate themselves about what exactly is wrong with their outdated worldview on sex. **JD DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL**

All the women in the house who want increased, unwanted pregnancy and their health care to cost

more than men's say "Yo!" ... Say "Yo!" ... Hello? Hello? **SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL**

It is obvious to see through Mr. DuPont's statements that he is biased in his opinions on "King Obama." Most Catholic women use some sort of contraceptive, and I don't hear the church making statements against women of the Catholic faith. **ROBERT GREENE, VIA E-MAIL**

"Simply put, anything that President Obama does is against people of faith."

Simply put, anything that President Obama does is against people of faith: Whether it is Christians,

Muslims or Jews doesn't really matter; either way, he is against it and quite direct in attacking it. When it comes to women, what Obama is doing is telling people who are against abortion that they will support it whether they want to or not. Where is the freedom of their choice to oppose it? This is dangerous to the U.S. Constitution; so much in fact that people in Communist China are making fun of him! **JOHN HEMPHILL, VIA E-MAIL**

Where are all the moderate readers?

I enjoy the letters to the editor, but they're a bit repetitive and childish; you know, the comments that every problem in the world was perpetrated by the Republicans and that Republicans don't

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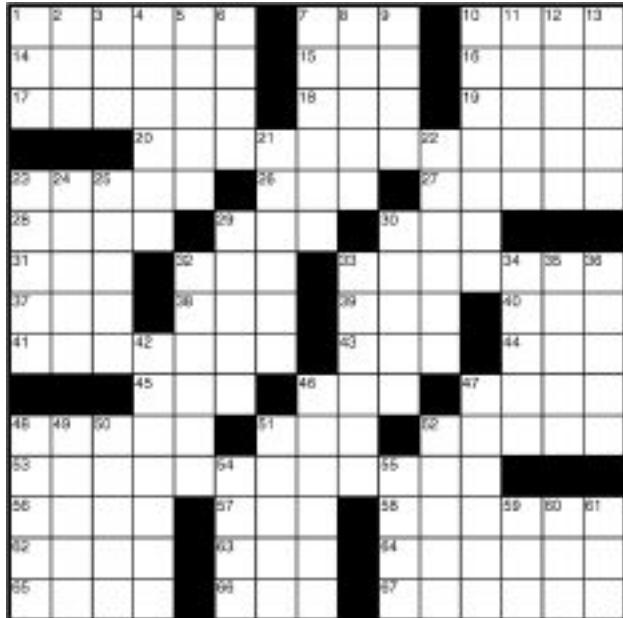
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want to pay taxes (despite the fact that Obama flipped and voted to continue the lower taxes rates Bush implemented). Where are the opinions of the independent readers? These would be welcomed. **RON FALCON, VIA E-MAIL**

Bailouts went to banks instead of us

At the onset of this Great Recession, in an economy where consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of GDP, American households maxed out on their credit. Consequently, families reduced spending and the economy tanked. However, instead of assisting strapped consumers — the engine of our economy — Congress bailed out the banks and insidiously revised the bankruptcy laws, making them more severe, to the banks' benefit. Now, while households struggle to reduce debt with credit card rates, on average, still in double-digits, the economy remains tepid.

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Horoscope

~~~ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** It's never a good day to get involved in the financial affairs of friends, especially if you're asked to play the role of a banker. It's one of the quickest ways to break up a relationship.

X Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Guard against talking about important things as if you've already accomplished them. It could cause you to be unrealistic about the chore at hand and let down your game.

▼ Aries **March 21-April 19.** There are two means of thinking that could hold you back: one is nursing self-defeating thoughts and the other is repeating a mistake that you've made over and over again.

▼ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't pry too deeply into a friend's personal affairs, because you could uncover something juicy that you wouldn't be able to resist telling others about. Mind your own beeswax.

II Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Be extremely careful about who you choose to go to for advice; sometimes the people you like the most don't have all the answers. Make sure your adviser knows what he or she is talking about.

● Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You should take care not to jump to conclusions when you don't have all the facts. Any decisions you make will be

flawed if the information they're based on is worthless.

● Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** There's a good possibility that you will be prone to taking risks both financially and otherwise, just because you want a long shot to pan out.

▼ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Neither you nor your mate are likely to be very good at keeping promises made to one another. Be careful not to pledge something that you don't know how to make good on.

■ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Avoid participating in office gossip and workplace scuttlebutt. Word might get back to the boss that you're the big-mouth who is causing the anger.

■ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Be extremely protective of your belongings and resources. Any carelessness on your part, such as leaving things unattended or out in the open, will lead to a regrettable loss.

▲ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** There's a chance that you could be kind to undeserving people in hopes of changing them, while being tight with those who are generous and giving. Reverse that.

● Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although usually you base your evaluations on logic and practicality, you might ignore these factors and go with what suits you at the moment. This could prove to be quite unwise.

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

How to play Sudoku: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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More dining out

► For dinner, nahm offers a feast for all senses. Slab-like pillars frame the restaurant's interior and resemble Ayutthaya-period temples. And Chef David Thompson's Thai canapés served on traditional pottery match the atmosphere's authenticity.

destinations

► Bangkok is back in business as the city returns to normal after 2011's massive floods ► While you're there, spend a weekend in Hua Hin

THAI ME UP!

In Thailand, the coconut palm is called the "tree of life" because every part is valued; it's at once an agricultural resource and a national treasure. The fruit's oil and the sugar extracted from its flowers' sap, for example, are essential culinary ingredients. Though skyscrapers may now outnumber palms in Bangkok, there's still a similar reverence for all things great and small. The city's burgeoning industry, Buddhist tradition and loyalty to the king all coexist. This seamless integration of future, past and present is what gives the bustling epicenter its rich flavor. Or perhaps it's the chili,

sweet basil and coconut milk. While the Southeast Asian capital of sugar, spice and everything iced has suffered a number of blows over the past decade — most recently 2011's floods, which the World Bank ranked the fourth costliest global natural disaster in history — it remains vibrant. Since December, flood waters have receded and business looks to rebound. "We are a nation of resilience," says William Heinecke, CEO of Minor International, owner of Thailand's premier hotel franchise, Anantara. Booking a holiday now benefits visitors and nationals alike: Tourism not only boosts

the economy, but room rates and airfare are also inevitably cheaper and more widely available.

If that's not enticing, Metro offers this itinerary to nourish your mind, body and spirit.

► Do: Hail a tuk-tuk — a motorized rickshaw that audaciously weaves through traffic — to the Grand Palace complex, where pristine white walls inside are gold-leafed architectural marvels. Get lost trailing 800 meters of murals depicting the Hindu epic Ramayana. At the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, cover shoulders and knees, respectfully bow your head and take a mental picture of its wealth of beauty. In walking distance, Wat Pho's red ceramic rooftops house more than 1,000 Buddha statues as well as a Thai massage school for an affordable indulgence. At sunset, take a ferry across the Chao

Phraya River to Wat Arun for idyllic views atop steep, tiled stairwells.

► Stay: Thailand's notoriously humid climate justifies bathing at least twice daily, but so do the Metropolitan Hotel's limestone showers and COMO Shambala eucalyptus, mint and lavender spa products. In suites overlooking Bangkok's upscale Sathorn district, Eastern teak Ming-style chairs compliment modern European platform beds and streamlined decor. In addition to its staff's unmatched hospitality, the boutique hotel boasts a wellness center, two restaurants, an exclusive bar-cum-nightclub and an outdoor lap pool. www.metropolitan.bangkok.como.bz

► Dine: Sure, pad thai is a safe lunchtime bet — but don't skip the deep-fried garlic and cilantro soft-shell crab! And save room for sweet black sticky rice with sliced mango.

A royal retreat

Trade traffic jams for a tranquil weekend jaunt in Hua Hin, a developing coastal city 2.5 hours from Bangkok.



► Stay: Anantara Hua Hin

Canals encircle bungalows, wild branches weave into stairwells and terra-cotta fish heads illuminate landscaped pathways in this organic oasis. Beachside, spy fishing boats along the horizon. Lagoon-side, wade to the gentle hum of fluted bamboo fountains where an infinity pool meets a lily-blanketed pond. Find nature even indoors — orchids and well-wishes written in gold ink on your pillow each night. The royal treatment continues at the resort's spa, three restaurants and cooking school. www.huahin.anantara.com

► Dine: Night market

Among handicrafts and souvenirs is a street-food paradise. Buy a Singha beer koozie for an ice-cold one, pick up a plate of dried shredded pork or fried mussels with bean sprouts and pour on the Sriracha sauce.

► Drink: Hua Hin Hills Vineyard

Ascend winding roads through lush terrain to a vineyard guarded by elephant statues. At its Sala bistro, stain your lips sampling wines that compliment the spicy national cuisine with fruity aromas. Take home Monsoon Valley's signature White Shiraz made from grapes harvested there. www.huahinhillsvineyard.com

► Do: Mrigadaya Palace of King Rama VI

Honor a strict dress code at the hallowed "palace of love and hope," constructed in 1923 as the Royal Family's summer home. Take respite from the heat on a barefoot walk down the corridors of its oceanfront pavilions. And do not to smell the garden's flowers; their fragrance is an offering to Buddha.

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Today in sports



1 Former Patriots, Raiders, Vikings and Titans receiver Randy Moss says he is unretiring after one year away.

2 The A's shocked baseball, coming to terms with Cuban defector OF Yoenis Cespedes. He signed for four years, \$36 million yesterday.

3 Oft-disgruntled Eagles wide receiver DeSean Jackson will reportedly be tagged as the team's franchise player. He wanted a long-term deal last year.

Amar'e returns after brother's death

No one could use the distraction of Linsanity more than his teammate Amar'e Stoudemire.

Stoudemire returned to the Knicks yesterday after missing more than a week to return to his home state after the tragic passing of his brother, Hazell.

Hazell was killed in a car accident in Stoudemire's hometown of Lake Wales, Fla.



last Monday at 1:45 a.m.

Point guard Jeremy Lin made his first career start that night against the Jazz.

"The only positive for us during that whole week was we were watching the basket-

ball games and we were watching Linsanity," Stoudemire said. "My family was getting a kick out of it. That's the only smiles they really had all week. It was great to see that. It's been a tough week."

Stoudemire missed four games, all wins and all Lin starts. He says he's ready to get back to work.



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"It's great to see the team is playing well. That's a positive for me right now," Stoudemire said. "The team is doing a phenomenal job. I just couldn't wait to get back and join this and continue the success. Other than that, that's the only positive right now."

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Back Lin the mix

► **Knicks not worried about assimilating Amar'e, Carmelo back into the lineup with Lin** ► **Anthony: Lin in starting lineup is 'dream come true'**

The Knicks are finally the hottest ticket in town and it has nothing to do with their two superstars.

But now that Jeremy Lin fever has overtaken the city, Amar'e Stoudemire (death in the family) and Carmelo Anthony (groin) are poised to return after being out of the lineup for more than a week. Stoudemire should return tonight, while Anthony should return in a few games.

Knicks head coach Mike D'Antoni said the sky's the limit once they come back to the starting lineup and isn't afraid the return of Anthony and Stoudemire will muck up his offense.

"I know everybody is worried when guys get back, but it's only going to get better," D'Antoni said. "Everybody has to adjust their games a little bit, but they've seen the benefits of guys winning. I think everybody is tuned in. And when Melo and Amar'e come back together that'll leave guys like Tyson [Chandler] even more open, in theory."

The most pressing concern is that once Anthony comes back, his penchant for the isolation play, which leaves teammates just standing around, will slow down production. Anthony, for his part, didn't fan the flames by vehemently combating that and simply smiled and shrugged off the criticism.

Anthony called the assumptions "silly" and added "It's funny to me. ... I know my game." He then allowed that having Lin in the starting lineup is a "dream come true."



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Ru-dy? Ru-dy?

Anthony joked about Lin's status and said he actually has had fun sitting back and watching Lin play while he's been injured.

► "I think it's great," Anthony said. "Everybody loves an underdog. ... He's our Rudy."

and "it takes a load off me."

Lin is as savvy in front of a microphone as he is on the floor and was deferential to Anthony, saying his skill-set will actually help the team as a whole. Lin added he doesn't see any reason why Anthony's presence will be a hindrance.

"I can see why they're questioning it [cohesion] only because he's a playmaker as well and he's used to having the

ball in his hands a lot," Lin said of Anthony's upcoming return. "But when he comes back we'll just continue what we're doing that works for us because in my opinion he's an underrated passer. He's improved and his alley-oop chemistry with Tyson was great before he got hurt."

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► **Nash**

Stoudemire sees Lin-Nash 'similarities'

The Knicks' system seems to perfectly suit Jeremy Lin, as the slippery point guard has actually conjured images of another dynamic point guard-power forward duo under D'Antoni of years past — Steve Nash and Amar'e Stoudemire.

Lin was quick to distance himself from the Steve Nash comparisons.

"I'm very careful to not compare myself to a two-time league MVP," Lin said.

But he did say he's looking forward to building a similar bond with Stoudemire over time.

Stoudemire, however, didn't do Lin any favors when he was happy to oblige with the comparisons.

"I see similarities in their games in that he's playing totally unselfish, taking what the defense gives him and he's studying hard. That's what you want from your point guard — to be a facilitator and get guys involved and get guys open high-percentage shots. He also gets to the rim, which opens up guys."

Stoudemire said of the comparisons between Nash and Lin. ► **METRO/TW**

Jets surprise, retain QB coach Cavanaugh

► Overhaul of offensive staff does not extend to Mark Sanchez's mentor
 ► Does this mean New York won't be in the Peyton Manning sweepstakes?

If you're into making generous assumptions, then the Jets' continued relationship with quarterback coach Matt Cavanaugh provides a big one.

The Jets finally updated their coaching situation for next season, making official many of the changes the public already knew.

The one name we didn't know was returning was Cavanaugh.

Cavanaugh will be coaching his fourth season with the Jets this fall — all as Mark Sanchez's tutor. Those reading the tea leaves would tell you that it appears unlikely the Jets will pursue Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, should he be released as expected.

Sanchez set career record for passing yards (3,474) and touchdown passes (26) in 2011, but his yards per completion were the lowest of his career and his 18 interceptions were a marked step up from 13 last year.

With the complete overhaul of the offensive staff, in-

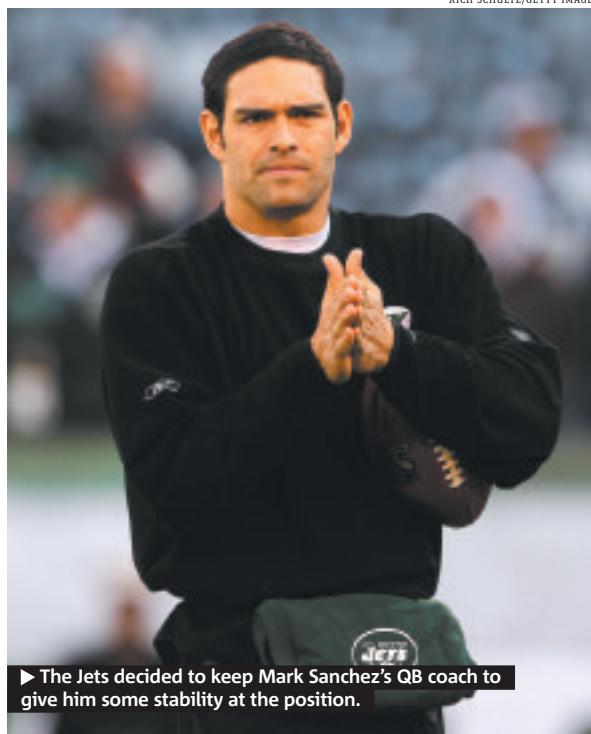
Giants' Diehl has surgery

Giants starting left tackle David Diehl had surgery on a broken hand and finger yesterday.

The injury, which never appeared on the team's injury report, occurred early in the season Diehl said after the Super Bowl.

"Well it's good to know that my hand and finger are now fixed. Does anyone need screws?" Diehl tweeted along with a picture of his surgically repaired hand. ● METRO

cluding the dismissal of offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer and the departure of offensive line coach Bill Callahan, it came as somewhat of a surprise that Cavanaugh is returning. ● METRO



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Mark Sanchez had 26 turnovers in 2011, including 18 interceptions and eight lost fumbles. He had just 14 turnovers in 2010 and 23 turnovers in 2009, as a rookie.

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Sanchez was sacked 39 times in 2011, the most in his three-year career. That was fifth most in the NFL. He was sacked 27 times in 2010 and 26 times as a rookie.

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Jacobs would restructure his contract

Suddenly there's a lot of incentive for Giants running back Brandon Jacobs to stay in town.

Jacobs, who restructured his deal prior to this past season to accommodate Ahmad Bradshaw, said yesterday he is willing to do the same this offseason.

The 6-foot-4, 264-pound back spoke to media while promoting his appearance this week on TNA Wrestling, scheduled to air this Thursday.

"As an organization, they have been doing this stuff for years and they know what they have to do if they want to keep me around, and, indeed I want to be around," he told ESPN New York yesterday. "I want to retire as a Giant. Those guys have been working in the business long

enough to know what they have to do to make it happen."

Jacobs is due a \$500,000 roster bonus if he is still on the roster in March. His base salary for next season, the last of his contract, is \$4.4 million.

It was presumed during the season that this could be Jacobs' last for Big Blue. With Bradshaw signing a four-year, \$18 million deal and Jacobs in his last year he would be an easy player to cut.

General manager Jerry Reese spoke to the media last week, but didn't make any specific comments on which players he would bring back. He did say that he favored using players from inside the organization. The Giants also have Andre Brown and D.J. Ware on their roster.

Jacobs had just 571 yards rushing in 2011, his lowest total ever. ● METRO



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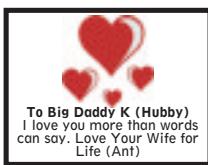
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